

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)**  
**CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Teleconference**  
**February 22, 2007**

**Members Attending**

Robert LoBue  
Ron Matik  
James Sherwood  
Etienne Rabe  
John Eliot

**CDFA Representatives**

Nate Dechoretz  
Rick Jensen  
Kevin Masuhara  
Stacey Hughes  
Susan Shelton

**Interested Parties**

Mert Price, Santa Clara County  
Dennis Plann, Fresno County  
Scotti Walker, Fresno County  
Don Borges, Tulare County  
Marilyn Kinoshita, Tulare County  
Sam Vohrees, Kern County  
Earl McPhail, Ventura County  
Kerry Dufraim, Ventura County  
Ron Bray, Riverside County  
Cynthia Davis, San Diego County

**ITEM 1: ROLL CALL**

In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Mr. Kevin Maushara called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Masuhara called roll. A quorum was not established; however, the meeting was informational only, no formal action needed.

**ITEM 2: FREEZE INSPECTION PROGRESS**

The 2007 Freeze Inspection Expenditure Progress Report and the Maturity and Freeze Contract Summary were distributed to the committee.

**A. FINAL COST OF MATURITY WORK**

Initial county contracts were approved for a total of \$493,833; however actual expenses were \$344,274. Remaining funds will be used for freeze related inspection.

**B. FREEZE INSPECTION COSTS THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2007**

Two possible cost trends were presented. If expenses decrease by an average of 30 percent from each prior month's costs, the amended freeze contract level of \$1,344,194 will be sufficient. However, if expenses decrease by an average of 20 percent, contract levels will be exceeded. The decreases are assumed to begin for the month of March.

All counties stated expenses and rejections in February would exceed that of January results and activity. Ventura and Tulare counties each reported they

believe initial cost estimates were too low. Riverside, Kern, and Fresno counties stated, at this point, they are still comfortable with their cost estimates.

As of January 31, 2007 expenses incurred total \$559,547. The Maturity and Freeze Contract Summary outlined specific expenses for each county.

Though the next CCAC meeting is set for March 8, 2007, Dr. Etienne Rabe suggested it be delayed by two weeks. This would allow actual expenditures for February and estimated expenditures for the first part of March to be reported. The meeting is being tentatively changed to March 21, 2007 in Tulare. Once Mr. Masuhara speaks with Mr. Brett Kirkpatrick the date will be finalized.

### **ITEM 3: CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CD) UPDATE**

Mr. Masuhara confirmed, per the committee vote at the September 2006 meeting, \$1,000,000 was moved to two CDs at the Bank of America. Both CDs will mature and be available on April 10, 2007. At that time the money will be moved back into the checking account so county contracts can be fully paid.

### **ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT**

The committee adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kevin Masuhara, Program Supervisor  
Inspection and Compliance Branch  
Inspection Services

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